



Arlington Recycling Committee
Minutes of 12/1/16

PRESENT

Members: Co-Chair Juli Brazile, Co-Chair Gordon Jamieson, Recycling Coordinator Charlotte Milan
Residents: Pete Howard

MINUTES of 11/3/16 approved as corrected.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT: Charlotte discussed the Recycling Center program. Refer to Ref 1. She explained her plan for the enlarged center. It will be under one roof. Refer to the drawing in Ref 1. This program has provided the Town with \$24,000 in State grants.

Charlotte has organized a premier of her new recycling video to take place next Tues.

The group discussed scrap metal recycling. The Town is not gaining credit for this program. Most of the scrap is from municipal sources. The amount currently withdrawn from the residential waste stream is judged too small to consider. In addition, DPW does not have a scale.

BUSINESS RECYCLING: Juli provided 2 tables that display some of the material in the survey response from businesses using private arrangements with haulers (Ref 2). The first organizes the list by hauler and shows that some businesses believe incorrectly that their hauler does not offer recycling. There also seems to be confusion about whether a hauler charges extra for recycling. The second table shows the businesses grouped by how they answered the hauler recycling offer question (not offered, offered w/ no extra charge, offered w/ extra charge). Those not recycling give other reasons in addition to hauler not offering or hauler charging extra. The group agreed that the 1st response of the ARC should be to make sure the hauler permit requires hauler to offer recycling and confirm what the state requires haulers to do with regard to offering recycling services. Juli will research. Several other follow up steps are possible. Juli stated that Susan is willing to do some follow up.

RECYCLE RIGHT: Gordon discussed his ideas for the article about how much trash is recyclable. Others urged that the material be presented as clearly as possible. They suggested that recent MA DEP data be used rather than country-wide data. Gordon believes that the different sources provide similar results. His input is due next week. Juli is planning a set of resolutions for recycling more for early January including the one barrel limit.

RECRUITING: Gordon urges use of all name lists – ARC email list, composting interest list, Sustainable Arlington list, and Recycling Center volunteer list to invite people to consider joining the ARC as a full or associate member. Others expressed concern with the use of lists for purposes other than original purpose. Charlotte & Juli have been able to get workers when needed. The event on Tues is a nice time to invite volunteers to visit an ARC meeting and think about getting involved with our work. We have the option of using Town email outreach if we write a committee vacancy listing for the Town website. Gordon will verify if we can solicit both full and associate members using the Town webpage since the associate membership is informal.

RECYCLING CONTAINERS: This topic was discussed in some detail even though Larry, the proponent, was not present. Larry's main point was that people would be more likely to support a reduction in the number of trash barrels if they get something in return. The ARC cannot subsidize a significant number of barrels, but Larry suggests allocating \$1000 to allow us to sell 200 \$15 barrels with lids for \$10. There are significant logistical issues and we will need to partner with DPW to make the purchase and store/distribute the barrels. The group had concerns about using a national chain rather than a local store and whether the barrel was a good size and high quality. Juli suggested starting with an education campaign around the issue. We could use a Recycle Right column to explain why the old blue bins are no longer given away and then link to a survey we create showing people the different sizes and shapes of recycling bins. The data might help us confirm which style to subsidize and how many people might be interested in buying one from us at a discount. She will talk to Larry about moving this idea forward.

NEXT MEETING 1/5/16 – Most meetings 1st Thursday monthly at 7:30 PM in Town Hall Annex 1st Floor

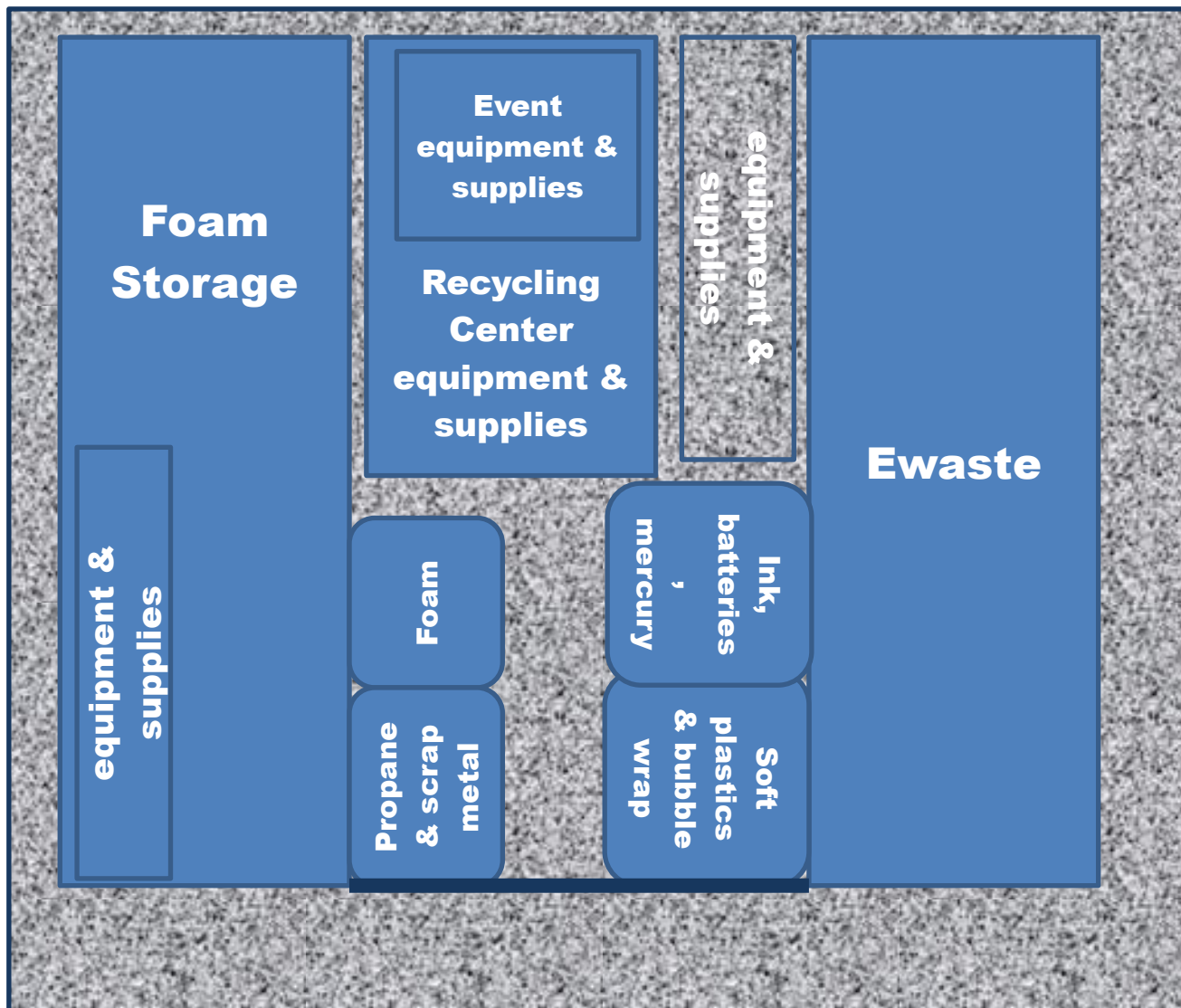
Ref 1 Coordinator's Report

Ref 2 Tables Displaying Selected Business Survey Responses

ARC Expense Report			
Date	Item	Exp	Bal
7/1/2016	Start		3000

Compost Bin Share			
9/1/2016	Start		860
Sep-16	Larry set up	50	810
Oct-16	Logan	25	785

Recycling Center Design



Municipal Solid Waste Monthly Totals			
Month	SW Tons	Rec Tons	YW Tons
September	1,215	427	248
October	1,137	454	295
November	1,151	466	1,097
December	1,129	576	152
January 2016	1,051	473	84
February	930	431	0
March	1,062	505	0
April	983	390	332
May	1,083	394	270
June	1,176	472	253
July	912	358	
August	1,077	443	
September	1,229	439	
October	1,012	424	

Massachusetts Municipal Solid Waste Master Plan Goals	Arlington trash tonnage goal
Baseline MSW - 2008	16,232 tons- START
in FY16 we are @	13,091 tons
(30%) by 2020	11,362 tons
(80%) by 2050	3,246 tons

MA Solid Waste Master Plan targets:

For Arlington to reach our share of the state's 2020 trash reduction goal we need to reduce trash by another 1,729 tons (13.2%) to get to our 11,362 tons goal.

Program Updates

Curbside Program: Fall leaf pickup ends tomorrow. One day drop off Saturday Dec. 10 from 1-4 PM

Recycling Center upcoming events: November event was managed by Yuki and all went great. 222 visitors, 50 of them first-timers! The RC is expanding, see diagram on opposite page. Juli will manage the December event- THANKS!!

Messaging (outreach and education): Video premiere and volunteer recognition event next Tuesday, Dec. 6, all ARC invited and encouraged to attend. Videos will be live after the premiere and be rolled out through social media.

Compost Programs: Pilot food scrap drop program at tiny still. No new compost share households.

Schools: School Sustainability making great progress. \$24,000 DEP School Recycling Assistance grant received!

By Hauler

Allied	No	Restaurant, retail store	Fresh Pond Sea Food
B-P Trucking	No	Restaurant	Toraya Restaurant
B-P Trucking	Yes - No Charge	Retail Store	7 Star Grocery
Casella	No	Restaurant	Andrina's Pizzeria
Casella	No	Restaurant	Brickstone Café / Pizzeria
Casella	Yes - Extra Charge	Restaurant	Beaujolais Catering LLC
E.L. Harvey & Sons	No	Restaurant	Great Wok Chinese Restaurant
EZ Disposal Service	Yes - Extra Charge	Restaurant	ZA
JRM	No	Restaurant	Szechuan's Dumpling
JRM	Yes - Extra Charge	Retail store	Carla Dorato
JRM	Yes - Extra Charge	Restaurant	Jimmy's Steakhouse
JRM	Yes - Extra Charge	Retail Store	Walgreen's
JRM	Yes - No Charge	Restaurant	Common Ground
Republic Services	No	Professional services	Fish Window Cleaning
Republic Services	No	Non-profit	High Rock Church
Republic Services	No	Non-profit	St Paul Lutheran Church
Republic Services	Yes - Extra Charge	Art Studio serving food	artlounge Arlington
Republic Services	Yes - Extra Charge	Retail Store	D'agostino's
Republic Services	Yes - Extra Charge	Retail Store	The Bike Shop
Republic Services	Yes - Extra Charge	Healthcare	not given
Republic Services	Yes - No Charge	Restaurant	not given
Republic Services	Yes - No Charge	Restaurant	Capri Pizza
self - take it home	No	Professional services	Synergy Acupuncture & Wellness
Waste Management	No	Restaurant	La Posada Restaurant
Waste Management	Yes - Extra Charge	Restaurant, retail store	Sabatino's Italian Kitchen
Waste Management	Yes - No Charge	Non-profit	Saint Agnes School
Wellesley Trucking	I don't know	Service & Gas Station	Mystic St Gulf

No Recycling Offered

Construction	It takes too much time to separate recycling from trash.		
Non-profit	High Rock Church	Republic Services	We'd like to recycle more but have not found a viable option.
Non-profit	St Paul Lutheran Church	Republic Services	We have no problem recycling.
Professional services	Fish Window Cleaning	Republic Services	We don't have space inside to collect recycling., We don't have room for a second dumpster for recycling., We don't know what to recycle.
Professional services	Synergy Acupuncture & Wellness	self -	Building owner does not provide any recycling collection so we are forced to bring it home with us to recycle curbside. As a business who rents their space in a larger office building which already has a trash dumpster, it would be nice if the landlord was required to provide a container for recycling collection & pickup.
Restaurant	Szechuan's Dumpling	JRM	We don't have space inside to collect recycling; We don't have room for a second dumpster for recycling
Restaurant	La Posada Restaurant	Waste Management	We don't have room for a second dumpster for recycling.
Restaurant	Great Wok Chinese Restaurant	E.L. Harvey & Sons	It costs too much money., We don't have space inside to collect recycling., We need posters about recycling or training for staff.
Restaurant	Andrina's Pizzeria	Casella	We don't have room for a second dumpster for recycling., We have no problem recycling.
Restaurant	Brickstone Café / Pizzeria	Casella	It takes too much time to separate recycling from trash., We don't know what to recycle., We need posters about sorting or training for staff., We have no problem recycling.
Restaurant	Toraya Restaurant	B-P Trucking	We don't have space inside to collect recycling., We don't have room for a second dumpster for recycling.
Restaurant, retail store	Fresh Pond Sea Food	Allied	We have no problems recycling., We have a small amount of cardboard and it goes home to put out with the trash. We have little waste of the seafood scraps and any skeleton are brought back to Boston Fish Pier for Lobster Bait

No Extra Charge for Recycling

Restaurant	Common Ground	JRM	We have no problems recycling. Two notes: they are charged a different rate, but not extra; distributors pick up bottles & cans (comment on glass bottles item)
Restaurant	not given	Republic Services	It takes too much time to separate recycling from trash.
Restaurant	Capri Pizza	Republic Services	We have no problem recycling.
Retail Store	7 Star Grocery	B-P Trucking	It costs too much money.
Non-profit	Saint Agnes School	Waste Management	We have no problem recycling. We are in favor of recycling as much as possible.

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Art Studio serving food and drink	artlounge Arlington	Republic Services	It costs too much money., We have no problem recycling.
Healthcare	not given	Republic Services	We don't have room for a second dumpster for recycling.
Professional services			It costs too much money.
Professional services			It costs too much money., We don't have space inside to collect recycling., Space is a big issue. We junk a lot of paper. It would be helpful if we could use curbside for our recyclable, at least for our office paper/plastics. We are on a regular route. If we were allowed so much before additional cost, it might be more attractive and feasible.
Restaurant	ZA	EZ Disposal Service	We have no problem recycling.
Restaurant	Jimmy's Steakhouse	JRM	We don't have space inside to collect recycling. Due to limited space we recycle what we can with boxes our trash picks up is done four times a week.
Restaurant	Beaujola's Catering LLC	Casella	We have no problems recycling. I would love to be able to compost all food waste, not just veggie scrapes and egg shells. I don't use a service for organic waste, but take it home for composting.
Restaurant, retail store	Sabatino's Italian Kitchen	Waste Management	We have no problems recycling
Retail store	Carla Dorato	JRM	It is a shared dumpster and cardboard is all that is permitted. I would love to be able to use a town bin for my paper and plastic
Retail Store	D'agostino's	Republic Services	We don't know what to recycle., We have no problem recycling. We could be better educated on the whole recycling process.
Retail Store	Walgreen's	JRM	We don't have space inside to collect recycling., We don't have room for a second dumpster for recycling.
Retail Store	The Bike Shop	Republic Services	We have no problem recycling.
Service & Gas Station	Mystic St Gulf	Wellesley Trucking	We have no problem recycling.